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IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thinnes

CASE: 58550.010057
(please note new case number)

THIRD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME

SERIAL NO.: 10/617,072.

FILING DATE: 07/10/2003

FOR: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING PLAY
OF A PROGRESSIVELY OPERATED
LOTTERY-TYPE GAME

ATTENTION OF:
Art Unit 3712
EXAMINER:
Benjamin H. Layno

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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed April 2, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period for response to the pending office action, for three months, from July 2, 2004, up to and including October 2, 2004.

Applicant respectfully submits that a shortened statutory period of three months was originally set for response, ending July 2, 2004, and that this application is not involved in an interference proceeding. Applicant herein expressly authorizes that the three month small entity extension of time fee of \$490.00 is enclosed herewith.

Acceptance of the present request for extension of time to respond to the pending office action is respectfully solicited.

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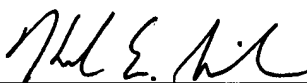
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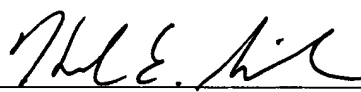
Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: October 1, 2004


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 1, 2004.


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